# **Key Verses For Advent Garland**

Making an Advent Garland can be easy, fun and rewarding. Get a few index cards, colored paper or thin tagboard and cut out 25 strips. Find a long ribbon, piece of yarn or rope/twine. Make it colorful – colors of the season (red, green), or blue & white, or a multitude of colors. Have fun deciding what you'd like it to ultimately look like.

You can print out these scriptures offered here and glue them on the sheets each day, or you can take the time to actually write out the verses. Then either punch a hole in the card and run the ribbon/yarn/twine through the hole or use a stapler to staple the verse to the yarn. Take turns each day. Then hang the garland on the tree, a staircase banner or on a wall to highlight all during the Christmas season. You can even save it for next year and do it all over again!

# DAY 1: Dec. 1– Angel Gabriel, God's Chosen Messenger

#### Key Verse:

"The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

### DAY 2: Dec. 2 - Mary, Mother of Jesus

### **Key Verse:**

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. (Luke 1:38)

# DAY 3: Dec. 3 – Angel Gabriel Brings Joy to the Elderly

#### Key Verse:

<sup>9</sup> The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time." (Luke 1:19-20)

# DAY 4: Dec. 4 – Zechariah, Father of John the Baptist

### Key Verse:

<sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. <sup>17</sup> And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, …" (Luke 1:13, 17(a))

# DAY 5: Dec. 5 – Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist

#### Key Verse:

"Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me?" (Luke 1:43)

### DAY 6: Dec. 6 - Angel Gabriel Reassures Joseph

#### Key Verse:

"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:20-21)

### DAY 7: Dec. 7 – Joseph, Earthly Father of Jesus

### Key Verse:

"When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus." (Matthew 1:24-25)

### DAY 8: Dec. 8- Caesar Augustus, the Arrogant Ruler

#### Key Verse:

"At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire." (Luke 2:1)

### DAY 9: Dec. 9 - Innkeeper, the Unlikely Host

#### Key Verse:

"And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them." (Luke 2:6-7)

### DAY 10: Dec. 10 - Manger Animals, the First Witnesses

#### Key Verse:

"This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."" (Luke 2:12)

### DAY 11: Dec. 11 - Angels, God's Announcers

#### Key Verse:

"13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

### DAY 12: Dec. 12 – Shepherds, Humble Evangelists

#### Key Verse:

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." (Luke 2:15)

### DAY 13: Dec. 13 - Christmas Prophecies Come True

#### Key Verse:

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'" (Luke 2:13-14)

### DAY 14: Dec. 14 – Luke, the Doctor of Details

#### Key Verse:

<sup>3</sup> Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus, 4 so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught." (Luke 1:3-4)

### DAY 15: Dec. 15 - Simeon, the Elder

#### Key Verse:

And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. (Luke 2:26)

### DAY 16: Dec. 16 - Anna, the Faithful Widow

#### Key Verse:

"Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem." (Luke 2:38)

### DAY 17: Dec. 17 - King Herod, the Monster of Christmas

#### Key Verse:

"When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi." (Matthew 2:16)

### DAY 18: Dec. 18 – Men Wise Beyond Their Years and Culture

#### Key Verse:

"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." (Matthew 2:2)

### DAY 19: Dec. 19 - Angel Gabriel, God's Protection

#### Key Verse:

"When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up,' he said, 'take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." (Matthew 2:13)

### DAY 20: Dec. 20 - Who Trained the Wise Men?

#### Key Verse:

"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." (Matthew 2:10)

### DAY 21: Dec. 21 – John, A Voice Crying in the Wilderness

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"And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him," (Luke 1:76) "And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel." (Luke 1:80)

### DAY 22: Dec. 22 – Isaiah, the Messianic Prophet

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

### DAY 23: Dec. 23 – Lessons from Advent Devotionals

#### Key Verse:

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### DAY 24: Dec. 24 - Jesus, Our Savior God

#### Key Verse:

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## **ADVENT DAY 25: Dec. 25 – 12 Days of Christmas to Epiphany**

#### Key Verse:

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me." (Matthew 23:37; Luke 13:34)

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